

Rules to form plurals:

1) Words ending in “ch – sh – s – ss – x – z”, add –es.

Examples:

Church – churches	Brush – brushes
Bus – buses	Glass - glasses
Box – boxes	Blitz – blitzes

2) Words ending in “f”, change to –ve.

Examples:

Knife – Knives	Elf – Elves
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3) Words ending in “y” that are preceded by a vowel, only add –s.

Examples:

Boy – boys	Ray – rays
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4) Word ending in “y” that are preceded by a consonant, delete the y and change to –ies.

Examples:

Candy – candies	City – cities
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5) Some nouns don't change.

Examples:

Sugar – sugar	Sheep – Sheep	Series – Series
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6) Some nouns have special forms.

Examples:

Mouse – mice	Man – men	Woman – women	Child – children
Foot – feet	Person – people	Goose – geese	Tooth – teeth

7) Words that don't belong to any of these rules, only add –s.

Examples:

Cat – cats	House – houses
Paper – papers	Bottle – bottles

Complete the following sentences using the plural forms of the words in parentheses.

1. There are some _____ (child) in the playground.
2. My mother buys potatoes (potato) at the supermarket.
3. Don't play with those _____! (knife)
4. Be careful with your wallet. There are many _____ (thief) around here.
5. I like _____ (sandwich), but I don't like _____ (banana).
6. Everybody has two _____ (foot).
7. Big _____ (city) are very crowded.
8. I see many _____ (butterfly) in the park.
9. My sister is afraid of _____ (mouse).
10. These _____ (watch) belong to my brother.